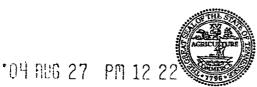
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Dear Director Miller,

This letter is written in response to the FERC order of January 2, 1991 filed by Chattanooga Gas Company ("CGC") on August 26th after closing arguments were completed in this matter. First, the Consumer Advocate notes that FERC's order of January 2, 1991 provided by CGC establishes that the FERC granted a flotation cost of only 2 basis points.

> "For this seventh annual proceeding, the Commission [FERC] concludes that during the 12 months beginning February 1, 1991, the [dividend] growth rate will be 4.3 percent and the appropriate floatation cost adjustment factor is 0 02 percent." [FERC Order, Page 1, "Summary"]

The Consumer Advocate further notes that "0.02" percent amounts to just 2 basis points, only one-fifteenth (1/15) of the 30 basis points adjustment advocated by Dr. Morin:

"Total flotation costs amount to....approximately 30 basis points, depending on the magnitude of the dividend yield component. To illustrate, dividing the average expected dividend yield of around 5.0% for utility stocks by 0.95 yields 5.3%, which is 30 basis points higher." [Morin, Direct Testimony, page 42, lines 4-9]

The Consumer Advocate further notes that the dividend growth rate 4.3% referred to in the FERC order is substantially below the Value Line dividend growth rates advocated by Dr. Morin (7.3%) and nearly identical to the dividend growth rate advocated by Dr. Brown (4.68%)

In addition, the Consumer Advocate notes that FERC's order of January 2, 1991 dealt with companies that were "predominantly electric" rather than gas utilities:

"(1) The utility is predominantly electric" [FERC Order, Page 4, Top of Page]

Furthermore, the Consumer Advocate notes that FERC's order is over 13 years old.

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